

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A food information management system, comprising:
a food processing plant for producing and shipping food in food packages;
~~each including processed food and an information storage medium comprising an RF ID tag,~~
each of the food packages comprising an RFID tag storing at least food identification
information relating to the food in the food package;
~~a food database kept in a food information center comprising a food database,~~
the food database and storing pieces of comprising food information classified by the food
identification information;
~~information storage mediums each comprising an RF ID tag and incorporated~~
~~into a food and storing at least food ID information specifying the food;~~
~~_____ a read means capable of for~~ reading the food ID identification information
provided on the RFID tags from the information storage medium and for sending the food ~~ID~~
identification information to the food information center;
~~an output means capable of for~~ receiving the food information from the food
information center; and
~~a display means capable of displaying the food information about a food;~~
wherein: (1)
~~_____ when the read means sends the food identification information to the food~~
information center, the food information center retrieves the food information about a food
specified by associated with the -food ID identification information, ~~given thereto by the read~~
~~means and sends the same food information~~ to the output means;

_____ ~~(2)~~ the read means and the output means are ~~incorporated into~~ provided in a
cooking device, and the read means and the output means interact with the food information
center remotely over a network; and

_____ ~~(3)~~ the display means is connected to the output means.

2. (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to
claim 1, wherein

_____ the food information ~~stored in the food database includes~~ comprises cooking
conditions for cooking ~~feeds the food, and~~ nutritive ingredients in the food, energy-producing
values of the food and a weight of feeds the food.

3. (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to
claim 1, wherein

_____ the food information ~~stored in the food database includes~~ comprises nutritive
ingredients in the food, forbidden ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food
and a weight of feeds the food.

4-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to
claim 1, wherein

_____ the ~~read means and the output means are linked to the food database by~~
network is the Internet.

8-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A food information management system, comprising:
a food processing plant for producing and shipping food in food packages,
~~each including processed food and an information storage medium comprising an RF ID tag,~~
each of the food packages comprising an RFID tag storing at least food identification
information relating to the food in the food package;

~~a food database kept in~~ a food information center comprising a food database,
the food database and storing pieces of comprising food information classified by the food
identification information;

~~information storage mediums each comprising an RF ID tag and incorporated~~
~~into a food and storing at least food ID information specifying the food;~~

~~_____ a read means capable of~~ for reading the food ~~ID~~ identification information
~~from the information storage medium provided on the RFID tags and for sending the food ID~~
identification information to the food information center;

~~an output means capable of~~ for receiving the food information from the food
information center; and

a display means capable of displaying the food information ~~about a food;~~

wherein:

~~_____ (1) when the read means sends the food identification information to the food~~
~~information center, the food information center retrieves the food information about a food~~
~~specified by associated with the food ID identification information, given thereto by the read~~
~~means and sends the same food information to the output means;~~

~~_____ (2) the read means and the output means are incorporated into provided in a~~
~~refrigerator, and the read means and the output means interact with the food information~~
~~center remotely over a network;~~ and

~~_____ (3) the display means is connected to the output means.~~

____ 14. (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to
claim 13, wherein

~~_____ the food information stored in the food database includes~~ comprises cooking conditions for cooking ~~foods~~the food, ~~and~~ nutritive ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food and a weight of foodsthe food.

15. (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to claim 13, wherein

~~_____ the food information stored in the food database includes~~ comprises nutritive ingredients in the food, forbidden ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food and a weight of foodsthe food.

16. (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to claim 13, wherein

~~_____ the read means and the output means are linked to the food database by the~~ network is the Internet.

17-21. (Canceled)